



MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Ed Burke Recreation Center - 11400 NE 9th Court
Biscayne Park, FL 33161
Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:30pm

1 Call to Order

Mayor David Coviello called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2 Roll Call

Mayor David Coviello - present
Vice Mayor Fred Jonas - present
Commissioner Bob Anderson - present
Commissioner Roxanna Ross - present
Commissioner Barbara Watts - present

Present from staff were:

Village Manager Heidi Shafran
Village Clerk Maria C. Camara
Village Attorney John Hearn
Public Services Manager Krishan Manners
Finance Director Irwin Williams
Assistant Public Works Manager Cesar Hernandez

3 Pledge of Allegiance

4 Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals to the Agenda

Mayor Coviello introduced Steven Zaluski, the sculptor of the "Ballplayer" sculpture currently in display at Griffing Park.

5 Public Comments

Gary Kuhl: On log cabin, do forensic engineering as it will turn up a lot of unknowns. Heisenbottle has the experience and is a good architect, but concerned with lump sum bid for this project. Heisenbottle fee is reasonable, but will not be here all the time. Strongly suggest a construction management firm. Provides latitude. Allows Village to have someone working for them. Have someone on site to facilitate the work. Many firms available. A small job and strongly suggest doing. Will help to control finances. On a half a million dollar project, would cost 15-20% for the contractor. Equitable amount for a management firm. Agrees that an Owner's Representative that would be used for Administration Annex construction is suitable.

6.a **Resolution 2014-96**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA; **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN BEJAR CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK** FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND ADMINISTRATION ANNEX; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Hearn read the title.

Manager Shafran provided the background.

- Total base bid is \$701,533.
- Plus \$5,700 for alternate no. 1, decorative stone facing at entrance.
- Plus \$126,245 for alternate no. 2, complete build out of police station.
- TOTAL: \$833,478

Total cost of log cabin renovations estimated at \$497,000 which includes architect's costs.

Taking into consideration these costs, and the total funding from the State and grants, there will be a shortfall of \$150,000 to \$250,000 based on which option we proceed with on the annex construction.

Mayor Coviello opened the meeting for public comment.

Rosemary Wais: Of the one million dollars, was it not first for the log cabin restoration, and then the annex? Set aside money for the log cabin, then what is left, use it for the annex building. Proceed with the annex construction, but money for log cabin is already set aside.

Gary Kuhl: Does not do any good to shell out the annex and give priority to the log cabin. Need to proceed with annex and to do it complete. You will pay a premium to start up and then finish later. Look at complete picture. Not worth compromising. Get a loan and get the job done. Take away the stone facing. If you don't do it now, it will be a makeshift operation at the Public Works building. If looking to find money in the budget, consider that one employee is approximately \$40,000 a year, and instead of having a full time Parks & Rec employee, have a part time instead.

Chuck Ross: Confirms that interest rate for a loan is 4%. Will never see this rate again. Do not do a half done project. If you put value in the annex, do it complete. Work out all available loan options.

Vice Mayor Jonas left early at 7:30pm.

Janey Anderson: Appreciate hearing the options. Too many negatives in doing the project in pieces. Do not touch reserves. Do the borrowing and do it all at once.

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to approve Resolution 2014-96 with the total contract price of \$833,478. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

All in favor: Mayor Coviello, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Ross, and Commissioner Watts.

Opposed: None

Motion carries: 4/0

7 Old Business

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8 New Business

8.a Village Hall Log Cabin repair and restoration project.

Manager Shafran provided background, then introduced architect Richard J. Heisenbottle.

Mr. Heisenbottle stated that in his professional opinion, the renovation should proceed with removing the additions to the cabin which are not original to the building and were not built well. Division of Historic Preservation would want to see it in its original state. It would cost more to keep the additions as they would have to be mostly torn down and rebuilt.

Commission consensus for full restoration to original build.

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to direct staff to explore all financing options and it is seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

All in favor: Mayor Coviello, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Ross, and Commissioner Watts.

Opposed: None

Motion carries: 4/0

9 Announcements

Wednesday, December 10th - Public Art Advisory Board Meeting at 6:00pm

Thursday, December 11th - Charter Review Advisory Board Meeting at 7:00pm

Friday, December 12th - Village Hall Offices will close at 1:00pm for Holiday Party

Monday, December 15th - Planning & Zoning Board at 6:30pm

Monday, December 15th - Ecology Board at 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 16th - Code Compliance Board at 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 16th - Recreation Advisory Board at 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 17th - Code Review Board at 7:00pm

Thursday, December 18th - Groundbreaking Ceremony at 5:30pm

Saturday, December 20th - Winterfest at 11:00am

Wednesday, December 24th - Village Hall will close at 12:Noon

Thursday, December 25th - All Village Departments are closed.

Wednesday, December 31st - Village Hall will close at 2:00pm

Thursday, January 1st - All Village Departments are closed.

The next regular commission meeting is Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 7:00pm.

Commissioner Watts left early at 8:00pm.

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to provide Friday, December 26, 2014, as a paid holiday for all non-essential employees and it is seconded by Mayor Coviello.

All in favor: Mayor Coviello and Commissioner Ross.

Opposed: Commissioner Anderson

Motion carries: 2/1

10 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Commission approved on January 6, 2015.

Attest:



David Coviello, Mayor



Maria Camara, Village Clerk